

CHILD TAX CREDIT

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, 5 days ago, millions of American families with children received Child Tax Credit refunds deposited directly into their bank account. This is hundreds of dollars that they could use for childcare expenses, to put gas in their cars to go to work, and to help fuel our economy.

This is going to happen again next month, and again in the middle of September. And these payments go out again the middle of October, and again the middle of November, and again the middle of December. This is critical lifesaving money. These are tax cuts directly to the American people.

And how did this happen? It happened because every Democrat voted for the Child Tax Credit. Every Republican voted "no." We want to give Republicans another chance at this. We are going to try to make this Child Tax Credit permanent. We want this tax cut to the American people permanent, and the contrast could not be clearer. When Democrats are in control, we give tax cuts to the middle class.

BIDEN INFLATION TAX

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, inflation threatens American families due to the out-of-control spending by President Joe Biden.

Biden inflation directly impacts the day-to-day well-being of American families. Inflation is currently rising at the fastest pace in 13 years. And Biden has proposed an irresponsible \$3.5 trillion deal that will increase taxes.

Last month, consumer prices jumped 5.4 percent. Gas prices are up a huge 5.1 percent, and milk is up 5.6 percent. What Biden doesn't seem to realize is that these costs negatively affect the lower and middle class more than anyone else. Wasteful spending and taxes will only make matters worse. Inflation is Biden taxation, and the American families deserve better.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism. God bless the courageous citizens of Cuba standing up for freedom and liberty from the failed socialist oppressors.

REMEMBERING RAMSES O. AGUINAGA

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Santa Ana Police Officer Ramses Aguinaga,

who was tragically taken from his family by cancer. Ramses was a leader in the community where he grew up. He was a smart and caring person who always made an effort to understand each and every individual in his community.

In high school, he played football for Mater Dei High School where he was a key player in making sure that Mater Dei won the Southern Section Division championship.

In college, Ramses became interested in criminal justice and spent 16 years as a police officer. But his greatest accomplishment was the birth of his son, Mateus Aguinaga, and Ramses loved this child, loved him to death.

Ramses passed away in peace. His family mourns him and will never forget how he brightened the lives of so many of his friends and neighbors where he grew up. He was a loving father, a thoughtful son, a caring brother, and a role model for our community.

CONGRATULATING LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCILMAN TERRY HUNT

(Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Lumbee Tribal Council member, Terry Hunt, who during July's council meeting was honored for nearly three decades of service in the U.S. Army and the North Carolina National Guard where he served as a Command Sergeant Major.

During the meeting, Councilman Hunt was bestowed with the Old North State Award, which honors guard members who have served at least 20 years and who have shown a dedication of service beyond expectation. He was also awarded the North Carolina Association Certificate, which honors National Guard retirees.

Councilman Hunt was elected to the Tribal Council in 2018, representing District 14, which includes communities in Eastern Robeson County. I am proud to work alongside him and the other members of the council as we pursue long-overdue Federal recognition for the Lumbee.

Congratulations to Councilman Hunt on this great honor. The people of North Carolina are grateful for his service.

RISE IN CRIME

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, America is a nation of laws, but in many parts of our country, the rule of law is under attack. At a time when the Nation should be reopening and healing, we see rising crime in many cities across America. And where this rise of crime is most prevalent is in cities

that have decreased funding for its officers.

In 2020, we saw the highest number of murders in over 25 years. And now in 2021, we have seen a spike in violent crime and attacks against law enforcement officers. The Defund the Police movement has been the catalyst behind this rise in crime and attacks on our law enforcement. It has fueled hatred against our fellow citizens who risk their lives to protect us from crime. And sadly, there are many progressive members in this Chamber who have supported this dangerous movement.

The first step in addressing the increase in crime is not banning guns from law-abiding citizens as proposed by the President. Rather, we must reject the Defund the Police movement and ask those that support it to recognize its disastrous impacts on our communities.

TRANSATLANTIC ENERGY SECURITY

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, as co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Ukraine Caucus, I rise to express my deep concern on the issue of transatlantic energy security. The Kremlin and complicit European nations are seeking to complete the Nord Stream 2 Pipeline. This Russian malign influence project will increase Vladimir Putin's leverage in Europe and disrupt the NATO alliance.

Current news reports indicate that a deal between the Biden administration and Germany is imminent. According to these reports, there is little in the deal that will prevent Russia's capacity to coerce our allies. Congress understands history's key lesson: When Germany and Russia collude, the people of Central and Eastern Europe pay the price.

Congress has now voted twice on an overwhelming bipartisan basis to sanction the Nord Stream 2 Pipeline. These sanctions are mandatory, not discretionary. Given the administration's abuse of the sanctions waiver, I was pleased the Committee on Appropriations unanimously adopted my bipartisan amendment to repeal the waivers moving forward. While I look forward to reviewing the deal, the Congress—as Article I of the Constitution mandates—must reject any deal that fails to prioritize energy security in the transatlantic alliance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANTS

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, for the past 40 years, community service block grants have been vital to providing communities the resources